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BIOABSORBABLE
STRUCTURAL SUPPORT
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. §1.116

Sir:

In response to the Office Action marked final and dated September 23, 2005, a reply to which is due December 23, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this submission.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 8 of this submission.